

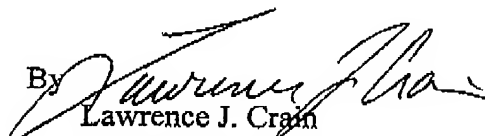
REMARKS

Subsequent to Applicants' filing of the previous Preliminary Amendment, Examiner Lee contacted the undersigned about an alleged inconsistency between Applicants' Remarks and the previous claim amendments, especially relating to whether claims 17, 18 and 21 related to subcombinations with the combination as environment not part of the invention. Since there was apparent disagreement about the content of previous telephone conversations between the undersigned and the Examiner, it was suggested that a written Restriction be issued. Accordingly, Applicants have amended claims 17, 18 and 21 as originally filed. Claim 16 remains withdrawn.

In the event there are further issues prior to examination which may be addressed by telephone interview, the Examiner is urged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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